MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): 85 (Acting 69 and permanent 16). All of them were promoted from the Department. The *statement required is also laid on the table.

Recruitment of Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

112. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Service Commissioner and Mr. Simpson who was the head of the Medical Department, have jointly conducted an examination for recruiting Sub-Assistant Surgeons; and

(*b*) if so, the community of the candidate who stood first in merit and the community of the candidate who came up according to communal rotation?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) The Public Service Commissioner and Mr. Simpson jointly interviewed the candidates who applied for the position of Sub-Assistant Surgeon during the first half of 1112 M. E.

(*b*) Marthomite and Other Hindu, respectively.

Varnavas in the Medical Department.

113. *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of officers belonging to the Varnava community (Pathiyan, Vannan, Mannan, Ettali, Chayakkaran, Pandy Vannan, Velan, Neriyan, Purathon and Paravan) in the Medical Department, the names of the posts they hold and the salary they are drawing?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: So far, none duly qualified to be an officer in the Medical Department has applied for a post in it.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യത നിർബന്ധമില്ലാത്ത ഏതെങ്കിലും വകുപ്പിൽ വർണ്ണവസമുദായത്തിൽനിന്ന് ആരെയെങ്കിലും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു പറയാമോ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Acquisition of land round about the Aruvikara Reservoir.

114. *MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have granted permission to the Travancore Water Works to acquire more land round about the Aruvikara Reservoir in order to prevent the contamination of the impounded water, in view of the frequent outbreak of epidemics in the regions?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: No. The matter is under consideration.

Parur—Munambam Road.

115 *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnathunad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, they have taken for improving the Parur—Munambam Road?

Vide Appendix I.

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